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Applicants : James G. Barsoum et al.
Application No. : 10/618,299 Confirmation No. 6907
Filed : July 11, 2003
For : METHOD OF ENHANCING DELIVERY OF A
THERAPEUTIC NUCLEIC ACID
Group Art Unit : 1632
Examiner : Robert M. Kelly
Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith:

- Response to Office Action (with Appendix A);
- Limited Recognition Under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b);
- Express Mail Certification; and
- Postcard.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- A fee for additional claims is not required.
- A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown
below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	46	- 46	= 0	X \$ 50 = \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	- 8	= 0	X \$200 = \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$360	= \$ 0.00
				TOTAL <u>\$ 0.00</u>

- A check in the amount of \$ _____.00 in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000454.0311. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- Please charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000454.0311 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

EXTENSION FEE

[] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$2,160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

[] A check in the amount of [] \$120.00;
[] \$450.00; [] \$1,020.00; [] \$1,590.00;
[] \$2,160.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.

[X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000454.0311. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the April 14, 2005 Office Action, which action is a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply -- May 16, 2005, (May 14, 2005 being a Saturday) -- and thus no extension fee is due.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous March 9, 2005

Application No. 10/618,299
Response dated May 16, 2005
In Response to April 14, 2005 Office Action

Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims in this application are claims 1 and 34-54, not claims 1 and 34-53. In the Preliminary Amendment filed on July 11, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference, originally filed claim 1 was amended, claims 2-33 were canceled and claims 34-54 were added. The following listing of claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.